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SUBJECT: MEXICAN REPLY TO SECRETARY'S FIRST LOS MESSAGE

1. AMB RECEIVED AUG 27 FROM UNDERSECY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS  
JORGE CASTANEDA REPLY TO SECY'S EARLIER LOS MESSAGE SENT TO  
FOREIGN MINISTERS.

2. IN OPERATIVE PARA, CASTANEDA SAYS HE CONSIDERS IT UN-  
NECESSARY TO REPEAT GOM'S POSITION ON UNRESOLVED ISSUES BUT  
EXPRESSES AGREEMENT "IN GENERAL TERMS" WITH SECY'S VIEW THAT  
MAJOR EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE  
TO MAJORITY OF PARTICIPANTS IN NEGOTIATIONS.

3. INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

AUG. 19, 1976, DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR AND FRIEND:

I AM PLEASE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF AUG. 4  
WITH WHICH YOU SENT ME, IN ABSENCE OF SECRETARY OF FOREIGN  
RELATIONS, THE TEXT OF THE CABLE LETTER WHICH THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE SENT TO THE SECRETARY WITH REGARD TO THE FIFTH SESSION  
OF THE THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE LAW OF  
THE SEA.

WHILE SR. GARCIA ROBLES IN ENROUTE FROM COLOMBO, ALLOW ME TO  
EXPRESS THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTS TO YOU. THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT  
AGREES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S VIEW THAT THE CONFERENCE  
ON THE LAW OF THE SEA IS AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT WHOSE  
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HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE HAS FEW PARALLELS. IT IS CLEAR THAT

PERSPECTIVES FOR PEACE, PROSPERITY AND JUSTICE THAT ALL PEOPLES WISH WILL BE INCREASED WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE. AS IS WELL KNOWN, THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO THE CONFERENCE MATTERS. IN ALL STAGES OF THE CONFERENCE, THE DELEGATION THAT I HAD THE HONOR TO PRESIDE OVER MAINTAINED CORDIAL AND FRUITFUL RELATIONS WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES. A LITTLE MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AGO, TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, THE PRESIDENT OF THE US DELEGATION, AMB LEARSON TOGETHER WITH HIS PRINCIPAL CO-WORKERS, HONORED US WITH A VISIT IN THIS CAPITAL. WITH THEM, WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE CONFERENCE AND WE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY, WITH COMPLETE CANDOR AND WITH GREAT RESPECT, THE MAJOR QUESTIONS AND AREAS IN WHICH AGREEMENT EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THOSE ON WHICH OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECONCILED.

DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE, IN NEW YORK, THE DELEGATION OF MEXICO -- AT ALL LEVELS -- HAS MAINTAINED ITS WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE EXCHANGING IDEAS AND INITIATIVES WITH THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION. FOR OUR PART, WE HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR WISH TO FOLLOW THIS PRACTICE IN THE FUTURE, AS WAS EXPRESSED TO SECY KISSINER, IN MY ABSENCE FROM NEW YORK, BY AMBS TELLO MACIAS AND GONZALEZ DE LEON, IN THE EXTENSIVE, CORDIAL, AND POSITIVE INTERVIEW THEY HAD WITH THE SECRETARY ON FRIDAY, AUG. 13.

I DON'T CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO REPEAT HERE THE POSITION OF MEXICO WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTIONS WHOSE SOLUTION THE CONFERENCE HAS NOT YET FOUND -- A POSITION WHICH, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS WELL KNOWN -- BUT I DO WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU THAT I AGREE IN GENERAL TERMS WITH THE POINTS ON WHICH THE SECRETARY OF STATE EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF, IN HIS LETTER TO SECRETARY GARCIA ROBLES, THAT A MAJOR EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE BEFORE THEY CAN BE RESOLVED AND THAT THE WAY SHOULD BE CLEARED TO PRODUCE A GENERAL CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA THAT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

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